

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A management port for a wireless device platform, comprising:
2 a communication link to be used in inter-processor communication for the
3 wireless device platform, the communication link to provide an inbound link and an
4 outbound link, and to control data flow over the inbound and outbound links; and
5 a management block to receive command data through a predetermined logic
6 channel in the inbound link and generate a corresponding command signal on a
7 microprocessor bus system that is local to the command link to perform a
8 management function for the microprocessor system, the management block being
9 further adapted to receive a response signal from the bus and transmit corresponding
10 response data through a predetermined logic channel in the outbound link.
- 1 2. The management port of claim 1, wherein the communication link includes a
2 physical layer to provide both the inbound and outbound links with multiple logic
3 channels, and a data link protocol to control data flow over the inbound and output
4 links.
- 1 3. The management port of claim 1, wherein the management function includes
2 a debug function.
- 1 4. The management port of claim 1, wherein the management function includes
2 accessing memory.
- 1 5. The management port of claim 1, wherein the management function includes
2 accessing configuration registers.
- 1 6. The management port of claim 1, wherein the management function includes
2 accessing a peripheral device of the microprocessor system.

1 7. The management port of claim 1, wherein the management block includes:
2 a command register connected to the bus and to the communication link, the
3 command register to temporarily store the command data delivered through the
4 predetermined logic channel in the inbound link;
5 a response register connected to the bus and to the communication link, the
6 response register to temporarily store response data from the bus; and
7 a manageability controller connected to the microprocessor bus, the
8 command register, and the response register, the manageability controller being
9 adapted to determine when command data is received at the command register and
10 to transmit the corresponding command signal over the bus, and further being
11 adapted to receive the response signal from the bus and store corresponding
12 response data at the response register, and to transmit the response data through the
13 predetermined logic channel in the outbound link.

1 8. A microprocessor system, comprising:
2 a processor core;
3 at least one processor subsystem to communicate with the processor core
4 using at least one bus;
5 a communication link connected to the at least one bus to enable inter-
6 processor communication, the communication link to provide a multi-channel
7 inbound link and a multi-channel outbound link, and to control data flow over a
8 plurality of channels for both the inbound and outbound links; and
9 a management block to receive command data using a predetermined logic
10 channel in the inbound link and generate a corresponding command signal on the at
11 least one bus to perform a management function for at least one of the processor
12 core and the at least one processor subsystem, the management block being further
13 adapted to receive a response signal from the bus and transmit corresponding
14 response data through a predetermined logic channel in the outbound link.

1 9. The microprocessor system of claim 8, wherein the management function
2 includes a debug function.

1 10. The microprocessor system of claim 8, wherein the at least one processor
2 subsystem includes a memory controller.

1 11. The microprocessor system of claim 8, wherein the at least one processor
2 subsystem includes configuration registers.

1 12. The microprocessor system of claim 8, wherein the at least one processor
2 subsystem includes a security module.

1 13. The microprocessor system of claim 8, wherein the at least one processor
2 subsystem includes a Universal Serial Bus (USB) client.

1 14. The microprocessor system of claim 8, further comprising a peripheral
2 device, the management block being adapted to generate the corresponding
3 command signal on the at least one bus to perform a management function for the at
4 least one peripheral device.

1 15. A microprocessor system for a wireless device, comprising:
2 a processor core and at least one processor subsystem;
3 at least one bus to connect the processor core to the at least one processor
4 subsystem;
5 means for providing a multi-channel inbound link and a multi-channel
6 outbound link for inter-processor communication in the wireless device, and to
7 control data flow over a plurality of channels for both the inbound and outbound
8 links;
9 means for receiving command data through a predetermined logic channel in
10 the inbound link and generating a corresponding command signal on the bus with an

11 appropriate communication protocol to perform a management function for at least
12 one processor subsystem; and
13 means for receiving a response signal from the bus and transmitting
14 corresponding response data through a predetermined logic channel in the outbound
15 link.

1 16. The microprocessor system of claim 15, wherein the means for receiving
2 command data through a predetermined logic channel in the inbound link and
3 generating a corresponding command signal on the bus to perform a management
4 function for at least one processor subsystem and the means for receiving a response
5 signal from the bus and transmitting corresponding response data through a
6 predetermined logic channel in the outbound, includes a management block
7 comprising:

8 a command register connected to the bus, the command register to
9 temporarily store the command data delivered through the predetermined logic
10 channel in the inbound link;

11 a response register connected to the bus, the response register to temporarily
12 store response data from the bus; and

13 a manageability controller connected to the bus, the command register, and
14 the response register, the manageability controller being adapted to determine when
15 the command data is received at the command register and to transmit the
16 corresponding command signal over the bus, and further being adapted to receive
17 the response signal from the bus and store the corresponding response data at the
18 response register, and to transmit the response data through the predetermined logic
19 channel in the outbound link.

1 17. The microprocessor system of claim 15, wherein the means for providing a
2 multi-channel inbound link and a multi-channel outbound link for inter-processor
3 communication in the wireless device includes means to provide a plurality of

4 channels to communicate with an embedded communications microprocessor
5 system.

1 18. The microprocessor system of claim 17, wherein the embedded
2 communications microprocessor system is adapted to wirelessly communicate with
3 at least one other devices.

1 19. A system, comprising:
2 an embedded applications microprocessor system and an embedded
3 communications microprocessor system, each microprocessor system including a
4 communication link to enable inter-processor communication over multiple
5 channels;
6 a substantially omni-directional antenna connected to the embedded
7 communications microprocessor system;
8 an inter-processor communication bus connected to the communication links
9 of both the applications microprocessor system and the communications
10 microprocessor system; and
11 the communications link of the applications microprocessor system
12 including a manageability port to allow the communications microprocessor system
13 to access a microprocessor bus for the applications microprocessor system using at
14 least one predetermined channel and to perform management functions in the
15 applications microprocessor system.

1 20. The system of claim 19, wherein:
2 the communications link includes a multi-channel inbound link and a multi-
3 channel outbound link, the communications link being adapted to control data flow
4 over the inbound and outbound links; and
5 the manageability port is adapted to receive command data through a
6 predetermined logic channel in the inbound link and generate a corresponding
7 command signal on the microprocessor bus, and further is adapted to receive a

8 response signal from the bus and transmit corresponding response data through a
9 predetermined logic channel in the outbound link.

1 21. The system of claim 20, wherein the embedded communications
2 microprocessor system includes a microprocessor system adapted to wirelessly
3 communicate with at least one other device.

1 22. The system of claim 21, wherein the microprocessor system is adapted to
2 wirelessly communicate with at least one other devices using IEEE 802.11
3 technology.

1 23. The system of claim 21, wherein the microprocessor system is adapted to
2 wirelessly communicate with at least one other device using cellular radio
3 technology.

1 24. The system of claim 23, wherein the microprocessor is adapted to wirelessly
2 communicate using general packet radio service (GPRS) technology.

1 25. The system of claim 23, wherein the microprocessor is adapted to wirelessly
2 communicate using code division multiple access (CDMA) technology.

1 26. The system of claim 23, wherein the microprocessor is adapted to wirelessly
2 communicate using wideband code division multiple access (WCDMA) technology.

1 27. The system of claim 19, the embedded communications microprocessor
2 system includes:
3 a microprocessor system adapted to wirelessly communicate with at least
4 one other devices using an IEEE 802.11 technology; and
5 a microprocessor system adapted to wirelessly communicate with at least
6 one other device using cellular radio technology.

1 28. A method, comprising:
2 receiving an inter-processor communication signal at a communications link
3 for a microprocessor system, the communication link to provide a multi-channel
4 inbound link and a multi-channel outbound link for the microprocessor system, and
5 to control inter-processor data flow over the inbound and outbound links, wherein
6 receiving an inter-processor communication signal includes receiving a signal using
7 a predetermined channel of the inbound link, the signal including command data to
8 perform a management function for a microprocessor subsystem; and
9 processing the command data to transmit a corresponding command signal
10 on a microprocessor bus using an appropriate bus communication protocol to
11 perform the management function.

1 29. The method of claim 28, further comprising:
2 processing a response signal received over the microprocessor bus from the
3 microprocessor subsystem into a response data; and
4 transmitting a signal that includes the response data using a predetermined
5 channel of the outbound link.

1 30. The method of claim 29, wherein:
2 processing the command data includes
3 routing the command data through a command register in preparation to transmit the
4 corresponding command signal on the microprocessor bus; and
5 processing a response signal received over the microprocessor bus from the
6 microprocessor subsystem into response data includes routing the response data
7 through a response register in preparation to transmit the signal that includes the
8 response data using the predetermined channel on the outbound link.